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## MEETING WITH GREAT SUCCESS

**Townsite Company Report Big Sale of Town Lots and Many People Becoming Interested in Lower Mimbres Valley.**

The following letter from W. E. Campbell tells something of the interest and success that is being met by the advertising party sent out by Messrs. Hellberg and Blair:

"The advertising party sent out by Messrs. Hellberg and Blair, proprietors of the Columbus and Western New Mexico Townsite Company, has reached Holsington, Kansas, after first stopping at Great Bend, Kansas, for two weeks.

"The party consists of Louis Hellberg (a member of the firm), Fred Hudson (of the El Paso Times), Jerome Hathaway and Wm. E. Campbell.

"At Great Bend the party was met by D. C. Luce, a brother of J. W. Luce who took up a claim east of Columbus, and who was later killed by a train north of Las Cruces.

Mr. Luce sang the praises of the Mimbres Valley all the time we were at Great Bend. He purchased some lots from the company, and is planning the development of the claim left by his brother. The success of the company at Great Bend was due largely to the influence of Mr. Luce. In fact he won the everlasting admiration and respect of the entire party by inviting them to a 'real Kansas chicken dinner.'

"The entertainment furnished by the party in advertising the Mimbres Valley has been meeting with great success. Every night the house has been crowded, and large numbers of people are purchasing lots, among whom are J. W. Soderstrom, county treasurer; R. L. Harvey, a leading merchant of Great Bend; D. C. Luce, city alderman, and many other prominent citizens too numerous to mention.

"The entertainment consists of views of the Mexican war, El Paso and the Mesilla valley, and Columbus and the Mimbres Valley. Also, moving pictures and illustrated lectures.

"Jerome Hathaway, a noted baritone soloist, formerly of San Francisco, is furnishing some high-class vocal music. Mr.

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Hathaway has toured the country for many years with various concert and musical organizations; has sang before the crowned heads of Europe, which alone is evidence of the superb character of his work. Fred Hudson, of the El Paso Times, is the lecturer, and acquits himself in a most creditable manner in this capacity. Every evening after the entertainment is over Mr. Hudson is surrounded by a group of eager learners seeking more information regarding the country he loves to tell about. W. E. Campbell, a graduate of the Mesilla Agricultural College, operates the stereopticon and moving picture machines, and comes in for special mention in scientific soil and water analyses. Mr. Hellberg is 'the man behind the gun,' always on the alert, and



Irrigation Well of Omer Gibson, 6 Miles North of Columbus

his genial, prepossessing manner of approaching people always wins for him a ready ear to the story of Columbus, the city of certainties in a country of contentment.

"We are more than gratified at the number of people who are becoming interested, and many of them are planning a visit to the Southwest on the first excursion run this fall, which will be about the first of October. In fact, the fame of the advertising party has spread throughout this section of Kansas; favorable mention is being made in various local papers, and numerous invitations have been received from many surrounding towns to pay them a visit.

"The 'Booster Bunch' met a

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large number of hospitable people at Great Bend, made many warm friends, and it was with regret that they left that city.

"With best regards to the COURIER and our many friends in the Mimbres Valley, we remain yours for a Greater Columbus.

THE BOOSTERS' BUNCH."

## Beating Beulah.

The prophets of old many parables told of a region of milk and honey; of a country divine that was fertile and fine, with a climate eternally sunny. But these prophets of yore were rank amateurs when compared with the twentieth century, for there's naught can compare with a land so fair as the beautiful Mimbres Valley.

Remember the hymn that you

sang in the dim distant days of your Sunday school going?—a song of a land by a beautiful strand, where the milk and the honey were flowing. That was Beulah the great; but no longer of late singing loudly its charms you detect us, for we've found a new land that is perfectly grand, and Uncle Sam offers to help us.

No land of the saints that the hymn-writer paints would procure at the present a taker, for it cannot compare with the region out here, you can get for little per acre. So farewell to the song we have shouted so long, never more will its music affect us; for Columbus we're born; a home we have found, where health and prosperity await us.

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## CAN LEAVE CLAIMS IN WINTER

**Important Legislation Affecting New Mexico and Arizona Becomes Law In the Closing Hours of Congress**

While the statehood measure was one of the acts of the last days of congress, it was not the only legislation of importance relating to the territories passed by congress and approved by the president during the closing hours of the session.

Senator Warren introduced a bill for the relief of homesteaders in the west, which included those of New Mexico and Arizona. In the senate committee it developed that there was no particular distress in either of these territories, and they were stricken out, and the amended bill passed by the senate. But when it went into the hands of the public lands committee of the house, it was again rewritten, and in addition to other sections in the west the following in New Mexico and Arizona was added as an amendment: "In the Clayton, Fort Sumner, Las Cruces, Tucumcari, Roswell and Santa Fe districts in New Mexico, and in the Phoenix land district in Arizona." Senator Clark of Wyoming moved that the house amendments be concurred in, when the bill again reached the senate, and this was done. The bill was then signed by the president.

Now any homesteader in New Mexico or the Phoenix district of Arizona, who wants to take a leave of absence until next spring, or April 15th, to be more exact; all he has to do is to notify the land office, and get up and go. The time he is absent from his claim, however, does not subtract from the total length of time he must live on it.

## Election Set For November Seventh

Altho the official letter of President Taft has not yet been received, after a conference of the Republican leaders of the state, Tuesday, November 7th has been set as the date for the coming election of county, district and state officers of New Mexico.

WANTED—One thousand subscriptions to the COLUMBUS COURIER.

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